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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 5 with the following paragraph:

This application is related to the following co-pending commonly owned patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A SELECTIVELY ACCESSIBLE BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/657,916, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-011; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS ROUND WITH MULTIPLE RANDOM AWARD GENERATION AND MULTIPLE RETURN/RISK SCENARIOS," Serial No. 09/678,989, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-020; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING BONUS SCHEME WITH INCREMENTAL VALUE DISCLOSURE," Serial No. 09/627,198, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-022; "GAMING DEVICE WITH BONUS SCHEME HAVING MULTIPLE AWARD LEVELS," Serial No. 09/602,140, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-023; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A COMPETITION BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/628,144, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-028; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A